GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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KHADI KARIGAR JANASHREE BIMA YOJANA
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries under Khadi Karigar Janashree Bima Yojana during each of the last three years, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether any medical benefit scheme is in operation for Khadi weavers and artisans in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise;

(d) whether a new welfare scheme is also in the offing for Khadi weavers and artisans in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The State/Union Territory-wise details of beneficiaries covered under Khadi Karigar Janashree Bima Yojana during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given at Annex.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): The Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has, in consultation with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), formulated "Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans" for construction of worksheds for the spinners and weavers in the khadi sector. The scheme, once approved, shall provide financial assistance for constructing worksheds for khadi artisans, to:

(i) provide a better workplace to enable them to carry out their spinning and weaving work efficiently,

(ii) provide more space for housing their implements and storing accessories, yarn, cloth, etc.

This proposal for the Workshed scheme for the khadi artisans is in its conceptual stage and is expected to be a Central Sector Scheme.